

# WHV – “Engaging Heritage in Khinalig: Fostering Promotion and Conservation through the World heritage Volunteers 2025

## **Cultural Landscape of Khinalig People and “Koç Yolu” Transhumance Route, Azerbaijan**

### **PROJECT DATES**

01 August – 10 August 2025

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2023)

**THE SITE** - The Cultural Landscape of Khinalig People and “Köç Yolu” Transhumance Route is a continuing cultural landscape comprised of the high-mountain Khinalig village in northern Azerbaijan, high-altitude summer pastures and agricultural terraces in the Greater Caucasus Mountains, winter pastures in the lowland plains in central Azerbaijan, and the connecting 200-kilometre-long seasonal transhumance route called Köç Yolu (“Migration Route”).

**OBJECTIVES** - The project aims at preserving and promoting Khinalig’s cultural, historical and architectural heritage for future generations. It seeks to raise awareness of the site’s significance locally, nationally, and internationally, while engaging local and foreign volunteers in conservation activities. Additionally, the project fosters intercultural exchange between volunteers and the local community to encourage mutual understanding and appreciation.

**ACTIVITIES** - The volunteers will actively contribute to the restoration of architectural monuments on the site and to the preservation of transhumance culture of Khinalig people. They will be involved in awareness raising activities using language courses, cultural immersion, tree-planting to promote the significance of Khinalig and its World Heritage value, linguistic and cultural heritage, as well as encourage the site’s cultural preservation. In addition, the project will include hands-on activities which will mobilize the volunteers preservation and restoration work through mini restoration and maintenance projects, traditional crafting activities, and heritage interpretation.

**PARTNERS** – State Tourism Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan; Guba Local Executive Authority.

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